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Sir:

I, Thomas GRAFENAUER, do hereby unequivocally declare that I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and recited in claims 1-22 of the above-identified application.

That is, I am the inventor of a wood fiberboard, composed of a panel comprising a support board with a top side and an underside, the top side having a decoration, of a wood or tile decoration, wherein the decoration is printed onto the top side of the support board and is covered by at least one layer of a transparent synthetic resin, and the support board is made of one of HDF, MDF, and chipboard, as recited in independent claim 1.

Moreover, I am the inventor of a process for producing a wood fiberboard comprising the following steps: a decoration, of a wood or tile decoration printed onto one or two sides of the board; a screen roller is used to spread one or more synthetic-resin layers, of melamine-resin or urea-resin layers, on the side with the decoration and the sides located opposite the latter; and the synthetic-resin layers are pressed with the board, as recited in independent claim 6.

Furthermore, I am the inventor of a wood fiberboard, composed of a panel comprising a support board with a top side and an underside, the top side having a decoration, of a wood or tile decoration, wherein the decoration is printed directly onto the top side of the support board and is covered by at least one paper free layer of a transparent synthetic resin, and the support board is made of one of HDF, MDF, and chipboard, as recited in independent claim 21.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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